
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held August 21, 2002

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Kate Racine, Commissioner Brenda Gaynor, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault, Douglas Hartley and Luly Massaro.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 10:00 AM in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers:

The following companies registered for authority to operate as telecommunications service providers in RI. The Division has reviewed the registrations and recommends approval of:

3442 - BullsEye Telecom, Inc.

2262(G17) – Global Internetworking, Inc.

After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the registrations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The following companies submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension of:

3028 - Qwest Communications Corp.

3196 - Z-Tel Communications, Inc.

3019 - OneStar Long Distance, Inc.

2878 - Choice One Communications

2262(P7) – MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.

2262(V5) – BellSouth Long Distance, Inc.

After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

Verizon RI Interconnection Agreements (ICAs):

The following ICAs and amendments were submitted for approval. The Division has reviewed the filings and recommends approval of:

2846 - Amendment No. 1 to ICA entered w/ CCCRI, Inc. d/b/a Connect!

3456 - ICA and Amendment No. 1 entered w/ ICG Telecom Group

3454 – ICA entered w/ Verizon Avenue Corp.

3455 - ICA entered w/ NOW Communications, Inc.

3461 - ICA entered w/ Talk Unlimited Now, Inc

After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the ICAs and amendments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3453 – Kent County Water Authority (KWCA): KWCA filed a motion to pass through the wholesale rate increase that is sought by the Providence Water Supply Board in Dkt. 3446. The KCWA requests that the pass through be effective 30 days from the filing date of this motion. After review, Commissioner Racine moved to suspend the tariff filing pending review and decision in Dkt. 3446. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3432 – Narragansett Bay Commission: Commissioner Gaynor noted that this juncture, the Commission should move forward to set the scope for developing a rate design that will include a CSO abatement fee. She noted that the parties were in agreement that NBC had authority to impose a CSO abatement fee on current customers. NBC's current rates do not reflect what customers contribute to stormwater runoff into the system. She recommended and moved that the parties be ordered to file testimony proposing a rate design that includes stormwater abatement fees to all customers as well as non-customers in the combined sewer area. The rate design should take into account how much or percentage of the rate the stormwater charge would be. Also include the impact on customers on different levels of flat fees vs. user charges. After reviewing the various rate design alternatives and ratepayers impact, the Commission could determine whether the establishment of a stormwater fee for NBC would be appropriate and in the best interests of the ratepayers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Racine and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** The Commission will make a decision on the jurisdiction issue after it reviews all the evidence to determine an appropriate rate design.

The open meeting adjourned at 10:18 A.M.